

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Our Solemn Resolve

TOMORROW, April Thirteenth, is a red letter day in the history of India, in the history of India's struggle for national independence. It is a day sacred to the memory of some four hundred Indian martyrs ... martyrs to the cause of India's freedom ... innocent men, women and children who were shot dead in cold blood by the British tyrants. To every Indian this is a day of resolve for revenge ... revenge against the British criminals and murderers ... criminals like General Dyer, the notorious hero of the Jalianwallah Bhag mass murder.

It was a black 13th ... the 13th of April 1919. The day was sacred to the Hindus, the new year day according to the Hindu calendar. At Amritsar, in the Punjab, the people were celebrating the new year day. Thousands of men and women ... women with babies in arms, gathered at Jalianwallah Bhag to celebrate the festival. Jalianwallah Bhag, which is still there at Amritsar, is an enclosure surrounded by walls on all four sides, with just one gate for entrance as well as exit. And on that black April 13th., twenty-six years ago, that place was the scene of the most tragic drama, the blackest crime, in the annals of humanity. General Dyer symbolised in himself the most brutal, the most ruthless and the ugliest form of British Imperialism.

The Amritsar Massacre was at once a challenge to justice, freedom, humanity; in fact, it was a challenge flung by Imperialist Britain to India, to the world and to God. At Jalianwallah Bhag, British Imperialism tried to establish its right to murder thousands of unarmed and innocent human beings, if such a massacre was necessary for the safety of Britain's Imperialist sway over India.

It is now twenty-six years since the tragedy of Amritsar; and what is happening in India even today? Scores of Dyers have sprung up all over India; and they are ruling the country with blood and iron methods. They are mercilessly shooting down hundreds of Indian patriots all over the country; and they are carrying on their reign of terror so that British Imperialism in India may not perish.

The British have only one war aim today, as General Dyer had only one aim when he committed that butchery of April 13, 1919—that is, to avert the doom of the British Empire in India. And, to avert that doom, the British are today determined to crush India's millions, as General Dyer was bent upon turning Amritsar into a slaughter house twenty-six years ago.

The day of retribution has now arrived ... the day of India's revenge ... the hour of India's liberation from British tyranny. Tomorrow, the Indian people pay their homage to the martyrs of Jalianwallah Bhag; but they are also avenging the martyrdom of the heroes of Jalianwallah Bhag. And one day very soon, we shall complete our revenge, crush the cursed British Imperialism for all time, restore the freedom of India's millions and hoist the National Tricolour on the Red Fortress at Delhi.

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INDIA GOVT. RETAINS BAN ON CONGRESS

States Home Secretary; More Opposition To Puppet Nominees Seen

The British Government in India has decided to continue the ban which it has imposed on all Provincial Congress Committees, except that of the North West Frontier Province. This was announced by the acting Home Secretary to the Government of India on Tuesday during question time in the Central Indian Assembly. According to a New Delhi report, the acting Home Secretary stated in the Assembly that the policy of the British Raj in India was to continue the ban until its removal was justified.

Meanwhile, according to a despatch from London, the nomination of Sir A. Ramasami Mudaliar, Sir Feroze Khan Noon and Sir V. T. Krishnamacharya—all belted knights and confirmed hirelings of the British Raj—to represent India at the forthcoming San Francisco Conference was vehemently denounced at a meeting of the Committee of Indian Congressmen in Britain held in London on Tuesday.

Choudry Akbar Khan, President of the Indian Journalists and Writers Association abroad, called the Indian delegation to the Conference "Farical".

Dilip Sen, former President of the Cambridge University Majlis, declared, "We cannot allow people who have no standing in India to represent India on domestic affairs and misrepresent the will of the teeming millions."

Another despatch from London states that owing to crepe paper famine in England and the ban on export of manufactured poppies, India's Poppy Day may have to be abandoned this year for the first time.

Lack of crepe paper and resultant lack of revenue will be a crippling blow to British Servicemen who have looked to the Poppy Day Fund for financial assistance. The despatch adds that Major Hartson, in an endeavour to avoid cancellation of 1945 Poppy Day in India, is negotiating with the British Ministry of Supply with the view to getting permission for this paper to be manufactured.

Stiff Nippon Resistance In South Bougainville

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—Bitter clashes have continued in the last two days between Australian and Nipponese forces in Southern Bougainville, in the Solomons, according to an Australian dispatch. The Nipponese were said to be offering tough opposition with their fearful hand-to-hand fighting and bayonet charges.

Enemy Advance Along Irrawaddy River Checked

Nippon Forces Take Up New Positions To Stem Future Foe Drive

Burma Front, April 9 (delayed) (Domei)—The enemy's movement along the Irrawaddy has witnessed no major development during the past few days, and Nippon forces are now taking up new positions south of the Irrawaddy in readiness to stem future enemy drives.

At some localities around Kyaukse, Meiktila and south of Hsipaw, stiff Nippon resistance has slowed down the enemy's onslaughts. Four kilometres

NOTICE

The Offices of the Indo Sinbun Sha will be closed tomorrow, April 13th., in observance of the Jalianwallah Bhag Day and the programme in connection with the National Liberation Week.

The publication of all newspapers of the Indo Sinbun Sha will, therefore, be suspended for the day.

south-east of Hsipaw. Nippon forces are battling Chungking units at Nanyawng.

Further west of Hsipaw, the enemy's 86th Division is meeting stubborn Nippon counter-attacks in a drive directed toward Kyauk, south-east of Maymyo. (Continued on next page)

Continued Canadian Aid To Britain's War Opposed In Parliament

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—Expressing reluctance to further sacrifice the lives of Canadian youths in a battle in which Canada's interests are not directly involved, Quebec members of the Canadian Parliament today opposed continued aid to Britain and Canadian participation in the Pacific war, according to an Ottawa dispatch.

One of the members even opposed Canadian participation on a voluntary service basis and described the Canadian Government's pledge that service in the Pacific would purely be voluntary as an "election propaganda."

Maxime Raymond, leader of the "Bloc Populaire," said that men from the "liberated" countries should replace Canadians in the Pacific War, indicating that the Canadians are fed-up with the prospect of mounting battle casualties.

HEAVIEST ARTILLERY DUEL IN PACIFIC WAR RAGES IN OKINAWA BATTLE FRONTS

Enemy Warcraft Loss In Okinawa Waters Mounting

Tokyo, April 11 (Domei)—Nippon Army and Navy special attack air units again went on the rampage against enemy surface units operating in waters west of Main Okinawa Island last Monday night. Our death-defying special attack corps airmen's assaults against enemy invasion craft continued throughout Monday night until dawn Tuesday.

As a result of our airmen's body-crashing assaults, enemy surface units suffered additional losses of which the exact extent, however, remains to be confirmed due to prevailing darkness at the scene of our devastating attacks.

Following is a visual account of that night's assaults observed from the shores of Okinawa Island:

Firstly, in waters west of Katana two huge columns of fire were seen shooting up from among enemy surface craft at 7.25 p.m. Monday night, followed by another column of fire a minute later. Still another column of fire was observed from the shore at 7.37 the same night. Later during the night our special attack corps airmen were seen in action three times at 7.40 p.m., 9 p.m. and 2.04 a.m. Tuesday morning. Results of these attacks however still remain unconfirmed.

Secondly, in waters north of Kerama Islands—scene of the (Continued on next page)

Br. Commonwealth & Empire War Casualties Pass One Million Mark

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—The British Commonwealth and Empire forces have suffered a total of 1,126,802 casualties, including prisoners, since the outbreak of the war, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill revealed in the House of Commons today, according to a London dispatch.

United Kingdom civilian casualties arising from German V bomb and aerial action now total 144,542, including 59,793 killed, he disclosed, adding that British Commonwealth and Empire merchant seamen losses for the same period aggregated 34,161, including 30,179 deaths or presumed deaths.

The casualties of individual Empire countries, besides India, were given as follows:—

Canada—89,220, including 31,439 killed; Australia—87,256, including 19,430 killed; South Africa—33,803, including 6,030 killed; New Zealand—30,652, including 9,334 killed.

Nippon Forces In Savage Counter-Push Recapture Vital Kokuzu Heights

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—Anti-Axis dispatches from the Okinawa front today indicated that the major fighting on Okinawa Main Island is just getting underway and it has now become apparent that Nipponese land forces had simply been fighting a delaying action prior to falling back on their main defence fortifications.

John Leonard, Reuter's correspondent, reported that Nipponese troops on the west coast of the Island retook Kokuzu heights today in fierce fighting.

Nipponese and American artillery, he said, roared at each other throughout last night as a savage gunnery duel continued without any let-up.

Emphasizing the intensity of the Nipponese shelling, Leonard declared that within five minutes the Nipponese poured 263 rounds of heavy shells into the Seventh Division frontlines in Eastern Okinawa.

Two hours later, after mortar and artillery had been concentrated into one particular area, the Nipponese were reported to have launched two fierce counter-attacks. American casualties were said to be mounting in the face of intensified attacks.

Another dispatch said that the heaviest artillery duel of the Pacific war is now raging around the perimeter of the Naha City defence ring, with both the Nipponese and the Americans having massed unprecedented number of guns in that area.

United States Army officers, impressed by the complexity and strength of this line, now warn that despite the success in the initial stages of the Okinawa campaign, it will still take a hard and long battle to decide the fate of Okinawa Main Island, it said.

This dispatch added, "The Nipponese, fighting an efficient delaying action with screaming bayonet-wielding suicide squads, have definitely slowed the American advance in the southern part of the Island to a yard-to-yard business."

Identity Of American Carriers Sunk Revealed

Tokyo, April 11 (Domei)—It has now been ascertained that the three American aircraft-carriers which were sunk by Nippon aircraft in the attack on the enemy task force in Okinawa waters during the period from April 6 to April 7 were the Langley (carrier converted from cruiser), standard carrier Essex of 24,000 tons, and the converted carrier Hipper.

U.S. Controversy Over Pacific Islands Looms

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—A United Press dispatch from Washington today reported that American President Roosevelt and a sizeable part of Congress appear heading toward a possible collision over the future of Nippon's Pacific Islands.

There are a growing number of United States Congressmen, the dispatch said, who want to retain all such islands under the American flag, while Roosevelt has already pledged himself at the Yalta Conference to try to work out a new world organization and international trusteeship to replace the old League of Nations' mandate system.

The dispatch said that the temper of Congress was displayed yesterday with the introduction of two measures calling the Administration to make no commitments about relinquishing control in any way of the "liberated" Pacific islands.

As the time approaches for a final decision on this issue, Congressional demands probably will grow stronger, the United Press dispatch said, indicating that American imperialism is beginning more and more to assert itself in world affairs.

2 British Planes Shot Down Over Sumatra

An Undisclosed Base in the Southern Regions, April 12 (Domei)—Two more British carrier-based planes were downed by our interceptors yesterday over the Northern Sumatra sector.

When a British task force appearing off Northern Sumatra about 9.00 o'clock yesterday morning tried to attack Sun Island and Kota Radja with a formation of approximately ten carrier-based planes, our interceptors at once took up the challenge and downed two of them in addition to scoring a near hit on an enemy cruiser.

There was no damage on our side.

Laohokow Occupied Chungking Admits Loss

Nanking, April 11 (Domei)—The walled city of Laohokow, strategic point in Hupeh Province, where the headquarters of Chungking's Fifth War Zone Army is located, has fallen into Nippon hands, the Headquarters of the Nippon Expeditionary Army in China announced this afternoon.

Lisbon, April 11 (Domei)—A Chungking dispatch received here today reported the Chungking High Command as admitting that Nipponese forces have penetrated into Laohokow, headquarters of the Chungking Fifth War Zone in Hupeh Province.

Foe Warcraft Loss Off Okinawa Mounting

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enemy's initial landing operation—at least two columns of fire were seen shooting up from among enemy warcraft at 5.30 Tuesday morning. In addition, our special attack air corps have been launching assaults against enemy surface craft twice at 4.30 a.m. and 8.45 a.m. Results of these two attacks however remain to be confirmed.

Meanwhile, our special attack surface unit went into action during Sunday night against a group of enemy warships in waters west of Katana. This surface unit is so far known to have accounted for one enemy destroyer and two torpedo-boats of a larger type.

"Suisei" Planes Wreak Havoc On Foe Task Force

(By a War Correspondent)

A Nippon Naval Airbase, April 10 (Domei)—With bombs tucked under their wings our "Suisei" (Comet) planes on April 5 roared off from this base on their mission to contact and attack some 260 enemy warcraft, including battleships, cruisers, destroyers, and landing barges in waters near Main Okinawa Island. During the night attack Nippon Comet planes scored deadly hits on two large enemy transports, and two cruisers and damaged one cruiser and several transports. Our airmen also bombed the enemy airfield situated at his landing point.

Before the members of our night attack units had time to sleep after returning from this expedition they again received orders to prepare for an attack mission. Addressing the airmen who were lined up in four columns, the Air Commander gave last-minute instructions. He said, "When you carry out your attacks do as you are wont to do in training. Don't hesitate but do your duty with your very best. This is the first time small aircraft will be experimented with in launching night assaults."

All the fliers then disappeared into the dark. Soon red and blue lights signalling the take-off of our Comet planes became visible. Some minutes later reports reached this base, "Succeeded in surprise attack." "Ready now to drop bombs." "Ready to return." Just before daybreak on April 6 the "Suisei" planes returned to this base one after another.

Enemy Advance Along Irrawaddy Checked

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Enemy troops, supported by tanks have appeared in the Mongya area, south-east of Lashio, but their activity is being limited so far to patrol action.

In the Kyaukse area, below Mandalay, our forces are stemming the enemy drive directed to the East by stiff rearguard fighting.

In the Sandoway sector, south of the Arakan front, Nippon troops are striking hard at enemy troops which broke into Taungup a few days ago.

Pres. Roosevelt Orders Seizure Of Coal Mines

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—American President Roosevelt tonight ordered the seizure of striking American soft coal mines in order to prevent any interference with the nation's war effort, according to a Washington dispatch.

He instructed Interior Secretary Harold Ickes to take possession of any or all mines in which there are interruptions or threatened interruptions as the result of existing or threatened strikes and other labour disputes.

This is the fourth time since the outbreak of the war that the President has been called upon to take such a step.

Anti-Axis Powers Losing Heavily In Fierce Rhur War

Berlin, April 10 (Domei)—The fierce battle continues to rage in the Ruhr District on the Western Front where 18 divisions are being concentrated by the enemy, frontline dispatches said. Every inch of ground in the Ruhr is being stiffly defended by German troops. The enemy suffered heavy losses from German artillery fire, particularly in the region between Oberhausen and Gelsenkirchen as well as in the region of Essen. American attacks on Dortmund failed with heavy losses.

In the Hanover area strong American units advanced eastward along the Leine River from the area on both sides of Steinhuder and on both sides of Hanover. South of Hildesheim units of the First American Army were repulsed and suffered heavy losses. Goettingen to the south was lost after hard fighting, the German High Command announced. Other units of the First United States Army succeeded in gaining further ground east between Gotha and Heliendorf, while south thereof units of the Third United States Army advanced as far as Rodach, half-way between Hildburghausen and Coburg.

On the Eastern Front, grim fighting continued for the inner city of Vienna at Franz Joseph, at the Municipal Hospital, and west of the railway bridge. At the confluence of the River March, the Soviets extended their bridgehead several kilometres toward the northwest, the German communique said.

After fierce artillery preparation Red Army forces again launched attacks south and west of Breslau on the Oder River but were beaten back by German defenders. Incessant attacks by Soviet battle-planes and bombers have turned the old Prussian city of Koenigsberg into a sea of flame, frontline dispatches said. The Germans are defending every house against the enemy who has advanced as far as the inner city.

Nippon Journals Acclaim Foreign Minister Togo

Tokyo, April 11 (Domei)—All metropolitan papers this morning prominently carried on their front pages new Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo's Press interview yesterday, in which he outlined the future course of the nation's wartime diplomacy as he envisaged it. This prominence given by the Press to his statement is generally taken to reflect the unusually great expectations placed by the public on the new Foreign Minister's activities following his assumption of heavy responsibility at the helm of the nation's wartime diplomacy.

The Asahi Shimbun editorially says: "It must be pointed out that unusually high expectations are being placed by the nation on newly-appointed Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo, partly because of his brilliant career and partly because of the circumstances in which he accepted the offer of the Foreign Portfolio in the Suzuki Cabinet."

"Under present circumstances of both the military situation and international relations, there are two schools of thought as to the course of our wartime diplomacy. One school believes that the practice of wartime diplomacy is mainly dependent upon developments in the military situation, while the other holds that our diplomatic policy should, even in the midst of war, be entirely independent in character and retain its own initiative. Indeed, the ideals of diplomacy should always be in common with the nation's war aims and, therefore, diplomacy by retaining its own initiative must be assigned the task of pursuing the highest objectives of the nation at war, side by side with the military operation."

"The new Foreign Minister is known to be a strong advocate of the second school of thought and in this respect we cannot help voicing our fullest approval of his appointment to the Foreign Portfolio at this particular moment."

Serious Housing Problem Faces London Authorities

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—Duncan Sandys, British Minister of Public Works, in a statement in the House of Commons on Britain's serious housing shortage, tonight revealed that in the London area alone there were still between 250,000 and 300,000 bomb-damaged houses in urgent need of repairs, according to a London dispatch.

Sandys said he thought it inadvisable to give the effect of the rocket bombardment as it would prove of advantage to the Germans.

The British Minister's remark was made during a debate in which a further intensification of repair work was strongly urged.

Meantime, the "London Evening Standard" reported on the basis of Dutch reports and calculations made by correspondents with the British Second Army, that about 2,000 rockets have been launched against London and Southern England.

During Germany's rocket offensive, an average of 12 persons daily were killed by V-2 and V-1 bombs, the paper said, adding that most of the rockets were launched at night.

Peasant Leader Witos Disappears From Poland

Lisbon, April 10 (Domei)—The Polish Peasant Party in London today declared that Polish peasant leader Witos, who was thrice Polish Premier, has disappeared from his home in Poland.

The Polish Peasant Party suggested that he had been whisked away for talks with Soviet authorities together with 15 members of the main political parties in Poland and Polish underground leaders, who are alleged by the London Poles to have "vanished".

"Hayate" Fighters Go Into Action Against Foe

Tokyo, April 10 (Domei)—A Nippon army fighter plane, the "Hayate" (Squall) made its appearance for the first time recently in a devastating assault against the enemy. It was revealed for the first time today.

The "Hayate" has a four-bladed propeller and resembles the "Hayabusa" in sleekness and the "Choki" in sturdiness. A glance at this super aircraft gives the impression of its powerful speed and high efficiency.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, Iritheum Mary being the mistress of Vadevelloo, who had left me since January, 2604 and whose whereabouts is unknown as from 17th day of February, 2605 am no more under the care and protection of my husband and henceforth I will no longer recognize him as my husband and I shall find my own living.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2605.
Sd. IRITHEUM MARY.

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Mass Rally To Highlight End Of Liberation Week Tomorrow

As a fitting climax to the week's observance of the Indian "National Liberation Week" a mass meeting of Indians of Syonan will be held under the auspices of the I.L.S., Syonan Branch, at the Branch premises in Waterloo Street, tomorrow, the 13th instant at 6.30 p.m.

All Indians are requested to attend the meeting and hoist the national flag side by side with the Hinomaru at their residential quarters and business premises.

Following is the programme for the meeting:

6.30 p.m. Arrival of Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, Vice-President, I.L.S., East Asia.

National Anthem.

Introductory speech by Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah.
Song by the Volunteers of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment.

Speech by Lt.-Col. Habibur Rahman, Deputy Chief of Staff, Azad Hind Fauj.

Translation of speech in Tamil.

Song by the Volunteers of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment.

Resolution

National Anthem.